warming and climate change. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is an umbrella legislation and it contains sufficiently stringent measures to regulate environmental protection and also empowers the Government to further formulate statutory rules for fulfilling various requirements. Further, Environmental Impact Assessment has been made statutory for various development activities and the Coastal Regulations Zone Notification (1991) provides guidelines for protection and management of coastal zones.

रेल इंजनों से टकरा कर मारे गए वन्य पशु

1834. **श्री राज बब्बर:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रेल इंजनों से टकरा कर दुधवा नेशनल पार्क में कितने वन्य पशुओं की मृत्यु हुई है; और

(ख) क्या दुधवा नेशनल पार्क से रेल पटरियों को हटाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबूलाल मरांडी): (क) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने मिली सूचना के अनुसार रेल इंजनों से टकरा कर दुधवा नेशनल पार्क में वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान कुल पांच वन्य पशुओं (एक बाघिन, एक मगरमच्छ, दो फिशिंग कैट्स और एक हाथी) की मृत्यु हुई है।

(ख) दुधवा में रेलवे लाइन के दो उप-भाग नामतः दुधवा गौरीपेटा और दुधवा चन्द चौकी को वर्ष 1993-94 में बन्द कर दिया गया। राज्य प्राधिकारियों ने शेष उप-भाग पालिया दुधवा बेल्रियन को बन्द करने का मामला रेलवे प्राधिकारियों के साथ उठाया है।

Formation of Statutory Pollution Control Boards

1835. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from any State Government for a Central legislation for the formation of statutory pollution control boards both at the Central and the State levels;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) if not, whether the Government of India on its own will move in that direction; and

(d) if so, the tentative details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government have not received any specific proposal from any State Government for a Central legislation for the formation of statutory pollution control boards both at the Central and State levels. The existing Central Pollution Control Board at the central level, State Pollution Control Boards at State levels and Pollution Control Committee in Union Territories have been constituted under the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 which is a Central legislation and hence there is no need for any fresh move in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Master Plan for Pollution Control

1836. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that immediately on assuming office, he had directed the senior officials of his Ministry to formulate a time-bound result-oriented master plan for the control of envionmental pollution which has recently assumed serious proportions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the same been discussed with various State Government, major industries and other concerned agencies including prominent Non-Governmental Organisations?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Immediately after assuming office, the Minister reviewed the various programmes and directed senior officials of the Ministry to monitor and implement the various schemes for conservation of environment and control of pollution in an effective manner. The schemes have been formulated keeping in view the observations made by various industries and Non-Governmental Organisations as well as the suggestions received from the State Governments from time to time.

Pollution Control Wing for Industries

1837. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has mooted a proposal to motivate the industries in India to open a pollution control wing attached to their factories in order to minimise the environmental pollution which is gradualy increasing at a rapid stride in the major cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the industry to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) While according environmental clearance to the development projects, the Ministry of Environment & Forests stipulates a number of conditions for safeguarding environment including creation of Environmental Cell and providing of monitoring stations. As promotional measures, the Government has also been encouraging the industries to adopt clean technologies, undertake waste minimisation measures and incorporate Environmental Management System (EMS).

(c) About 15 waste minimisation circles in clusters of small scale industries have so far been established to conserve resources and reduce pollution with the active participation of industries. Besides, more than 25 major companies have so far obtained EMS certification and many others are in the process of adopting EMS.

Degraded forest area in Bihar

1838. SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the total degraded forest area in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the State and Central Government for the regeneration of the degraded forest areas in the State within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of the pollution control plants of Khetri Copper Complex

1839. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution control plants of the Khetri Copper Complex Ltd. Rajasthan are working satisfactisily;

(b) how much money has been spent on the pollution control equipment so far;

(c) whether any central study team has so far visited the complex during the last three years to assess the pollution problem of the area; and

(d) whether any Report in this regard has been submitted to Government; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?